

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification as follows.

Delete the paragraph spanning lines 3-7 on page 1 of the specification and insert the following therefor:

The present invention is based on the finding that peptides derived from a specific domain of tumor necrosis factor-alpha (TNF- α) can efficiently be used to treat oedema. More specifically, the present invention relates to the usage of peptides derived from the region of human TNF- α from Ser¹⁰⁰ to Glu¹¹⁶ to treat pulmonary oedema. For example, the circularized peptide having amino acid sequence CGQRETPEGAEAKPWYC (SEQ ID NO:4) is shown to be very efficient in inducing oedema resorption.